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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79424

Kazuhiko ISHIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/780,731

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 4033

Examiner: I.H. Chowdhury

Filed: February 19, 2004

For: HEAT-RESISTANT DNA LIGASE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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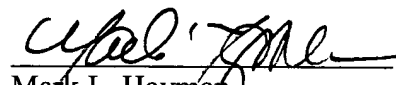
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 18, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4, 9 and 12 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 5-8, 10 and 11.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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